

Fiscal Note

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 Requester: Governor

Department: Office of the Governor
 Appropriation: Elections
 Allocation: Elections
 OMB Component Number: 21

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	80.5		80.5	80.5	80.5	80.5	80.5	80.5
Travel								
Services	957.4		950.2	950.2	950.2	980.2	980.2	980.2
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	1,037.9	0.0	1,030.7	1,030.7	1,030.7	1,060.7	1,060.7	1,060.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,037.9		1,030.7	1,030.7	1,030.7	1,060.7	1,060.7
Total	1,037.9	0.0	1,030.7	1,030.7	1,030.7	1,060.7	1,060.7

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary	7.0		7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 635.5 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/01/22

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation will make numerous revisions to Alaska's election laws which will impact the Division of Elections' services and procedures for all state-administered elections beginning with the 2022 primary and general elections. Significant changes include: (1) a new requirement to implement rigorous signature verification for by-mail voters; (2) adding a free online absentee ballot tracking system; (3) requiring routine forensic examination of precinct tabulators; (4) changes to Permanent Fund Dividend Automatic Voter Registration, including enhanced voter identification requirements; (5) enhanced voter list maintenance to ensure accuracy of voter rolls and professional audits of registered voters lists; (6) adding a toll free election offense hotline; (7) new requirements relating to oversight and destruction of used ballot materials; (8) requiring postage paid return envelopes with absentee ballots; and (9) extending the length of operation of the absentee ballot review board.

The fiscal note has three cost components: FY22 and FY23 operating costs in advance of the 2022 primary and general election, requiring an immediate FY22 effective date; capital costs, also in advance of the 2022 election, requiring an immediate FY22 effective date, and ongoing operating costs beginning in FY24 to support future elections.

These legislative changes require the following unrestricted general fund expenses:

FY22 supplemental operating expenses

Personal Services:

\$80.5 (Seven Nonpermanent Election Clerks, range 12, to address absentee signature verification and ballot tracking, and to support toll free hotline)

Services:

\$375.0 (Printing, postage, and legal costs for regulations project in FY2022)

\$180.0 (Professional services including IT consulting, software maintenance, forensic auditing)

FY22 Capital Costs: There is no provision for capital supplementals in the fiscal note template; however, the fiscal note's estimated FY23 capital cost in the amount of \$5,225.0 should be considered as an FY22 capital supplemental. To be effective this election cycle, procurement must begin early in 2022 so equipment can be procured and staff appropriately trained in its operation and use.

\$5,125.0 (Signature verification systems, software, support, and training for 5 regional offices)

\$100.0 (Ballot tracking system and software)

FY23 Operating Costs

Personal Services:

\$80.5 (Seven Nonpermanent Election Clerks, range 12)

Services:

\$348.0 (Printing, postage)

\$595.0 (Professional services including IT consulting, software maintenance, forensic auditing)

\$14.4 (Election board services)

FY24 and beyond costs are reduced due to elimination of one-time startup costs.